

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow claims 31 and 40, the only claims pending and currently under examination in this application.

FORMAL MATTERS:

Claim 31 is amended and new claim 40 has been added. Support for these claims is found at least in the specification at least at paragraphs [0010], [0012] and [215].

The Applicants assert these amendments add no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (510) 923-2438.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4409.

Respectfully submitted,

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